REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are currently pending. Although Applicant attempted to withdraw claims 17-19 in its Amendment B dated August 30, 2000, the Board included Claims 1-19 when it declared the interference. To the extent these claims were withdrawn, please rejoin these claims to the application.

The above amendments to claims 4 and 11 include language inadvertently omitted at filing. Support for the amendments can be found at page 32 of the specification.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, applicants request entry of the claim amendments and solicit an allowance of the claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney should any issue remain unresolved. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

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